Gauge conversion projects

1390. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the railway line gauge conversion projects sanctioned by Government during the last five years, year-wise, State-wise and the current status of each project;

(b) whether a number of such sanctioned projects remain to be implemented;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Hubli-Ankola broad gauge project, though sanctioned, has so far not been implemented; and

(e) if so, the targeted date for implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Gauge conversion projects included in the Budget during the last 5 years i.e. from 2000-01 to 2004-05, States in which the project falls and status are as under:—

S.No.	Project	State(s)	Year of inclusion	Status of physical progress (in%age)
1.	Akola-Purna	Maharashtra	2000-01	35.47
2.	Trichy-Manmadurai	Tamil Nadu	2000-01	3.00
3.	Villupuram-Katapadi	Tamil Nadu	2000-01	4.00
4.	Aunrihar-Jaunpur	Uttar Pradesh	2003-04	Part estimate sanctioned. Contracts for earthwork and minor bridges awarded.
5.	Rangia-Murkongselek alongwith linked fingers	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh	2003-04 (Supplementary Budget)	The detailed estimate for Rangia-Rangapara North has been prepared. Hydrological study of the area which undergo regular washways/ subsidences/slips etc. have been taken up by Indian Institute of Technology/ Roorkee.

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6.	Sakri-Laukaha Bazar-Nirmali and Saharsa-Forbesganj	Bihar	2003-04 (Supplementary Budget)	This work is to be funded through defence funds. Field details collected and detailed estimate is yet to be sanctioned.

(b) and (c) All the gauge conversion projects are in progress as per the availability of resources.

(d) The work on Hubli-Ankola new line has already been taken up.

(e) No target date has been fixed.

Rail projects in Madhya Pradesh

†1391. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress made, so far, regarding railway projects in Madhya Pradesh such as Mahoba-Khajuraho and Lalitpur-Satna rail projects;

(b) the amount santioned, so far, for this purpose since the beginning of the projects; and

(c) by when the above projects would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The work of construction of rail line between Lalitpur-Satna, Rewa-Singrauli and Mahoba-Khajuraho (541 kms.) has been taken up in phases. Final location survey from Lalitpur to Khajuraho (167.5 kms.) and Mahoba-Khajuraho (65 kms.) has been completed. On Satna-Khajuraho (116 kms.) and Rewa-Singrauli (191.6 kms.) section, final location survey for 50 kms. in Khajuraho-Satna and for 130 kms. from Rewa end completed. Earthwork and bridge works have been taken up where land has been acquired.

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